

Letter from Mauro, Cameron, Lewis & Massie to Alexander Graham Bell, April 6, 1912

S. T. CAMERON LAW OF OFFICES TELEPHONE WASHINGTON, MAIN 3461. REEVE LEWIS. OF NEW YORK, 5261 BEEKMAN. C. A. L. MASSIE. **MAURO, CAMERON, LEWIS & MASSIE**, CABLE ADDRESS: MAURO—WASHINGTON. PHIMAURO—NEW YORK. F. A. HOLTON. Patents and Patent Causes , LIEBERS. W. B. KERKAM. CODES USED: WESTERN UNION. **700 TENTH ST., N. W., WASHINGTON, D. C.** MARCONI. RALPH L. SCOTT. (TRIBUNE BLDG., 154 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK.) File **WASHINGTON**, April 6th, 1912. Dr. Alexander Graham Bell, 1331 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., City. Dear Dr. Bell:—

Bell et al. — Myers, Interference No. 34,455.

We enclose herewith the original of a preliminary statement for execution by you in this matter. The date of conception, disclosure and reduction to practice was determined as the result of a conference which the writer had with Mr. J. A. Douglas McCurdy in New York. Mr. McCurdy recollected with great distinctness just when the balancing rudders were arranged at a zero angle of incidence and of the surrounding circumstances. The various allegations contained in the preliminary statement are based upon Mr. McCurdy's statements. Please sign and swear to this preliminary statement before a notary public and return the same to us.

Mr. McCurdy stated that Lieut. Selfridge, prior to the establishment of the A. E. A. Bulletins, kept a red-backed note book in which he from time to time placed memoranda of interest; and stated that he thought it very likely that some reference to the dates of conception etc. of the invention of the issue would be found in this note book. He thought it possible that you might know where this book is. If you have it in your possession, or if

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its whereabouts are known to you, will you please advise us so that we may examine the same.

Yours sincerely, Mauro Cameron Lewis & Massie K/W Per W B K Enclosure: